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## PRESIDENT TAFT'S LATEST WARNING

In his speech at Yale, Wednesday, President Taft asserted that if the Republican party does not live up to its promises and what the people expect of it, it will be relegated to a position like that of his majesty's opposition—that is, to a minority in Congress. This statement is really a reiteration of previous utterances by him. There had been a growing suspicion that plans for early tariff certainty of any kind, had induced the President to repeat these previous utterances and to have become willing to approve even the increased duties voted by the Senate. Now, it appears that he has not changed his position, but still demands that Republican campaign pledges, his own included, shall be fulfilled; otherwise, the party will become the minority political organization. His view is undoubtedly correct. The people have come to understand the real effect of tariff duties upon them—that they are taxes which are heavy burdens upon all consumers and which the few at the expense of the many, and that the old argument of benefits to labor is wholly untrue. Senator Aldrich and those called by the Hartford Courant, "the herded Senators who kneel when Mr. Aldrich sneezes" (including Senators Bulkeley and Brandegee), are evidently relying upon the proverbial shortness of the people's memory; this time, they will find themselves in error. The tariff question will not be settled until settled right, and this is not being done by Congress. President Taft realizes this fact, and has several times given warning to his party.

## AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE REHABILITATION

President Taft is now an avowed advocate of an American merchant marine. He does not stand alone; most, perhaps all, Americans greatly desire the re-establishment of our merchant marine in its one-time strength, or at least in sufficient strength to handle our own commerce. But there are differences of opinion as to the best method of attaining this very desirable object. Some advocate the granting of large subsidies from the Treasury to American-built vessels; others urge that American registry be granted to foreign-built vessels; still others, that tariff duties be removed from all articles entering into the construction of vessels.

Subsidies may be needed if American shipbuilders are to be compelled, while burdened with tariff duties, to compete with foreign builders whose materials are untaxed. American registry of foreign-built vessels is strongly opposed by home builders. Removal of tariff duties from the raw materials of ship construction is antagonized by the producers, and these producers are enabled, by the "log rolling" process, to control the action of Congress.

In the Farmer's judgment, the best method of rehabilitating the American merchant marine is to place American shipbuilders on an equality with their American competitors, not by gifts of government money but by repealing tariff taxes upon their raw materials. American skill and ingenuity would quickly equalize all other conditions of unfavorable character, if there are any such which, may reasonably be doubted.

American registry of foreign-built vessels is preferable to the granting of subsidies, but it does not meet American pride, nor do such vessels entirely fulfill the American ideal. It would cost many millions to place a sufficient American marine upon the seas by means of subsidies, and the time is not opportune for heavily increased expenditures when the government's revenue falls far below its aggregate of cash outgo.

President Taft has not, so far as we have noted, stated which of the three methods of marine rehabilitation above cited, he prefers.

Senator Cummins predicts that the fiscal year ending in 1911 will show a deficit of \$175,000,000. He probably takes the prediction upon reductions in revenue resulting from increased duties, but it may be that his zeal for a general income tax overcame his good judgment. Another possible explanation is that he foresees more and heavy increases in expenditures.

There are, it seems, 108 kinds of biters, cordials, tonics, remedies, etc., which contain alcohol and which are, according to the acting commissioner of Internal Revenue, "insufficiently medicated to render them unfit for use as a beverage." He announces that "special tax will be required for the sale of any of these preparations, even though such sales are for medicinal use." It behooves druggists to govern themselves accordingly.

## NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE.

Plans are under way for the harnessing of the tides of the Pettitcodiac river, at Amherst, N. S., which are said to waste 3,000,000 horse-power a day. In a recent egg-raising contest conducted by a South Australian agricultural college, six Leghorn hens established a world's record by laying 1,447 eggs in a year.

A new Chicago office building, designed with a view to admitting as much light as possible, is built in the form of a letter E, with 800 windows on its five floors.

A patent has been granted on a dinner table ornament which combines electric lights supplied by a storage battery contained in its base and a vase for flowers.

An English clergyman, Rev. Patrick Bell, is said to have invented the first reaping machine. In 1827, seven years before McCormick took out his American patent.

A Frenchman is so formed that the machine will have the same amount of supporting surface whatever its lateral inclination may be.

Recent improvements in machinery for spinning asbestos have resulted in the manufacture of thread from the mineral so fine that a mile of it weighs but a pound and a half.

According to a discussion before the London Institute of Marine Engineers, the day of electric propellers for ships by motors connected directly to the propeller shaft is near at hand.

An American owner of a pig ranch on the site of the volcano of Parí on the island of Hawaii, makes use of the crater's heat to cook for his stock vegetable food raised on his property.

Experts of the Department of Agriculture have succeeded in raising in this country a species of watermelon indigenous to Roumania. The fruit is the size of a grape fruit, with a thin skin.

Tests by French scientists seem to show that it is a sixth sense that enables bees to return to their hives as far away as two miles, the insects depending upon neither sight nor smell.

Archaeologists are excavating at the site of the ancient Etruscan city of Adria, which gave the Adriatic Sea its name. Abandoned when the sea receded, the city was buried by river alluvium.

The English inventor of a new method of water purification makes the claim that he is getting purer water from the Thames below London than is derived from many supposedly innocuous sources.

To movements of a species of sea-shell are attributed the loss of 400,000 oysters from French beds. The weed apparently attached itself to them, then floated away, carrying the shells with it.

A German inventor claims to have perfected a non-inflammable celluloid by using acetyl-cellulose, made from wood, instead of nitro-cellulose, and artificial camphor instead of the genuine.

A Californian has patented an attachment to be attached to the tank of a suit case to carry liquid containers or anything else that would be in danger of injury if placed inside the main receptacle.

Extensive experiments have shown German army officers that silver gray is the least conspicuous color against rural landscapes, and it was adopted for the field uniform of that nation's troops.

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## Fairfield County News.

Resigned His Position.  
Assistant Postmaster Elbert S. Adams has resigned his position at the Norwalk post office. It is expected that Captain Charles L. Wing will succeed Mr. Adams. Captain Wing is a son-in-law of Mr. Adams.

In Pool of Hot Water.  
Vincent Falcone and James Tortorelli, two lads of Norwalk, while in quest of a swim Tuesday jumped into a pool that was almost boiling hot, in the rear of the Connecticut company's power house and one of them is now at the point of death and the other is in more pain, if less danger. The pool is under the exhaust of the several boilers of the large power plant. Tortorelli is eleven years of age and stronger than Falcone, who is but eight, and was able to crawl out of the hot water, but the little fellow remained there until he was pulled out. It is to be wondered at that he did not faint and sink under the water to immediate death.

Struck By Lightning.  
During the severe shower of Monday afternoon, Mrs. Fannie R. Wheeler, of White Hills, was seated on her front porch when suddenly she seemed to be enveloped in flame, and fell to the floor unconscious. A quantity of the electric fluid had swept down and striking the front of the house, under the porch, tore the clapboards into shreds. It then passed through the house, ripping off the plaster in the parlor and finally shattered the back door as it passed out. She was not injured by the electricity, excepting by the natural shock of its close proximity, and soon recovered consciousness.

Charles Munson Raymond.  
Charles Munson Raymond, one of Norwalk's wealthiest residents, died Wednesday, of heart trouble, at the age of 66 years. He was married twenty-five years ago to Anna Louise Carey, the noted singer. He retired from active business life some years ago.

Fell Twenty Feet.  
Chas. Warner, of Shelton, fell from a cherry tree Wednesday, and sustained serious injuries, how serious cannot be told for some days to come. Mr. Warner was nearly twenty feet from the ground, when the limb, on which he was standing, broke. Several ribs were fractured.

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## Litchfield County News.

Destroyed by Fire.  
A house in East Canaan owned by G. Archie Adams and occupied by Edward Hunker was burned Wednesday. Most of the furniture saved.

Public Requests.  
It is authoritatively stated that when the will of Caleb J. Camp of Winsted is admitted to probate several substantial public requests will be disclosed. Among them is one for \$25,000 to be held by trustees until it shall have doubled, for widows and unmarried women who have been in better circumstances but who are too proud to ask for assistance.

The late William Strong bequeathed the sum of \$1,000 to the First Congregational society of Woodbury. He was not a member of the church, but served the church in an official capacity for many years.

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